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## DE's Laser Division awards contract for \$25.5 million

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**KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M.** – A contract for \$25.5 million was awarded on Sept. 19 by the U.S. Air Force to Boeing LTS, Albuquerque, N.M.

Over the next five years, the High-Energy Laser Research contract will aim at advancing state-of-the-art laser development and laser vulnerability effects testing for the Air Force Research Laboratory's Directed Energy Directorate's Laser Division.

The contract provides for laser research, operational and development site support for three discrete laser technology areas: high- power gas and chemical laser development, ultra-short-pulse laser development, and laser lethality and vulnerability assessments.

According to the laboratory's project officer, Maj. John C. Delbarga, the High Energy Laser Research contract is a follow-on to the Advanced Laser Devices and Effects Research Support contract. The follow-on contract will continue the support and will also provide for a marketing and business development task for the Laser Effects Test Facility previously not included under the Advanced Laser Devices and Effects Research Support contract.

The Directed Energy Directorate's Laser Division is the Department of Defense's center of expertise for high-power laser development and getting laser technologies to America's warfighters. @